

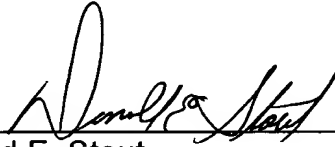
REMARKS

Claims 28-54, which correspond to original claims 1-27 have been amended to limit the subject matter of Group II to be dependent upon the network communications system of newly submitted claim 35 which corresponds to original claim 8. Accordingly, the Restriction Requirement is now moot. An early action on the merits is now respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (1135.40854X00) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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